



PSST – Operator Advisory Committee

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**To: Federal Communications Commission
Technical Advisory Board for First Responder Interoperability
Public Safety Docket 12-74**

The Public Safety Spectrum Trust Operator Advisory (“PSST-OAC”) committee is composed of the twenty-one jurisdictions granted FCC waivers and spectrum leases, to allow deployment of statewide or local public safety broadband networks in the 700 MHz public safety broadband spectrum. The PSST-OAC recently submitted comments in FCC PS Docket 12-94 providing information on the importance to the success of FirstNet of continuing the efforts of these 21 “early builders.” As explained in the PSST-OAC comments, the test-bed deployments undertaken by the 21 early builders will provide critical information and guidance regarding technical and interoperability concerns that will prove vital to FirstNet as it undertakes planning, procurement and network deployment. A copy of the comments is attached for consideration by the Technical Advisory Board.

The PSST-OAC urges the Board to take into account the concerns addressed in the attached comments in developing technical requirements and recommendations for first responder interoperability. The Board should, in carrying out its work, include a requirement and recommendation that the waivers and leases to the 21 early builders be extended so that their efforts and deployments may continue, in order that FirstNet may benefit from the important technical and interoperability information to be learned from these test bed deployments.

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